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ENGLISH COCKER SPANIEL

ORIGIN : Great Britain.

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UTILIZATION : Flushing dog.

CLASSIFICATION F.C.I. : Group 8 Retrievers, Flushing
Dogs, Water Dogs.
Section 2 Flushing dogs.
With working trial.

GENERAL APPEARANCE : Merry, sturdy, sporting; well balanced; compact.

IMPORTANT PROPORTIONS : Measuring approximately the same from withers to ground as from withers to root of tail.

BEHAVIOUR / TEMPERAMENT : Merry nature with ever-wagging tail shows a typical bustling movement, particularly when following scent, fearless of heavy cover. Gentle and affectionate, yet full of life and exuberance.

HEAD

CRANIAL REGION :

Skull : Well developed, cleanly chiselled, neither too fine nor too coarse.

Stop : Distinct, set midway between tip of nose and occiput.

FACIAL REGION :

Nose : Sufficiently wide for acute scenting power.

Muzzle : Square.

Jaws/Teeth : Jaws strong with a perfect, regular and complete scissor bite, i.e. upper teeth closely overlapping lower teeth and set square to the jaws.

Cheek : Not prominent.

Eyes : Full, but not prominent. Dark brown or brown, never light, but in the case of liver, liver roan and liver and white, dark hazel to harmonize with coat; with expression of intelligence and gentleness but wide awake, bright and merry; rims tight.

Ears : Lobular, set low on level with eyes. Fine leathers extending to nose tip. Well clothed with long, straight silky hair.

NECK : Moderate in length, muscular. Set neatly into fine sloping shoulders. Clean throat.

BODY : Strong, compact.

Topline : Firm, level, gently sloping downwards to tail from end of loin to set on of tail.

Loin : Short, wide.

Chest : Well developed and brisket deep; neither too wide nor too narrow in front. Ribs well sprung.

TAIL : Set on slightly lower than line of back. Must be merry in action and carried level, never cocked up. Previously customarily docked.

Docked : Never too short to hide, nor too long to interfere with, the incessant merry action when working.

Undocked : Slightly curved, of moderate length, proportionate to size of body giving an overall balanced appearance; ideally not reaching below the hock. Strong at the root and tapering to a fine tip; well feathered in keeping with the coat. Lively in action, carried on a plane not higher than level of back and never so low as to indicate timidity.

LIMBS

FOREQUARTERS : Legs well boned, straight, sufficiently short for concentrated power. Not too short to interfere with tremendous exertions expected from this grand, sporting dog.

Shoulder : Sloping and fine.

Forefeet : Firm, thickly padded, cat-like.

HINDQUARTERS : Wide, well rounded, very muscular; legs well boned.

Stifle : Good bend.

Hock : Short below the hock joint, allowing plenty of drive.

Hind feet : Firm, thickly padded, cat-like.

GAIT / MOVEMENT : True through action with great drive covering ground well.

COAT

Hair : Flat, silky in texture, never wiry or wavy, not too profuse and never curly. Well feathered forelegs, body and hind legs above hocks.

COLOUR : Various. In self colours no white allowed except on chest.

SIZE AND WEIGHT :

Height approximately: **Dogs** 39 - 41 cm (15, 1/2 - 16 ins);

Bitches 38 - 39 cm (15 - 15, 1/2 ins).

Weight approximately 12, 5 - 14, 5 kg (28 - 32 lbs).

FAULTS : Any departure from the foregoing points should be considered a fault and the seriousness with which the fault should be regarded should be in exact proportion to its degree and its effect upon the health and welfare of the dog **and on its ability to perform its traditional work.**

DISQUALIFYING FAULTS :

- **Aggressive or overly shy.**
- Any dog clearly showing physical or behavioral abnormalities shall be disqualified.

N.B.: Male animals should have two apparently normal testicles fully descended into the scrotum.